

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please cancel the originally-filed Abstract of the Disclosure, and add the accompanying new Abstract of the Disclosure which appears on a separate sheet in the Appendix.

Please add the following new paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 27 of page 2:

--DE1953542 discloses an inspection system where an illuminator device is composed of fluorescent plates having difference light lobes apt to shift the maximum brightness some distance away from the exit edge of said fluorescent plates. US-A-5498879 discloses a device which provides uniform illumination in an apparatus for testing notes, in which the device is optically diffractive--